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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 2 illustrates an electronic distribution system 200 for the distribution of electronic books and the receipt of marketing and service information. The system 200 includes one or more store systems such as the store system 201. The store system 201 comprises a plurality of customer self-service stations 202A-202N, similar to the station 100 of Fig. 1. The stations 202A-202N are connected to a first network hub 204, which is in turn connected to a self service